



winter-spring 2014

PRESCHOOL POSSIBILITIES



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For more information, contact the Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department at (812) 349-3700 or visit us at bloomington.in.gov/parks. Register at bloomington.in.gov/parks or stop by the office at City Hall, 401 N. Morton St., Suite 250.



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Inclusive Approach to Recreation: All City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation programs are inclusive to people with and without disabilities. Please contact our Inclusive Recreation Coordinator Amy Shrake, CTRS, for details: (812) 349-3747 or shrakea@bloomington.in.gov.

MONDAYS

Toy Time

The Banneker Community Center is brimming with toys and activities for your child, and comfortable carpeting and chairs for you! Activities and classes are frequently provided by Banneker staff and community partners. The play room remains open for free play if your child prefers not to participate in the structured activities.

M-F • 9:30 a.m.-noon

FREE • For ages newborn-5 yrs. w/parent.

Banneker Community Center, 930 W. Seventh St.



Odado—Zulu for Preschoolers

Preschool is an ideal time for language acquisition, and the IU Center for the Study of Global Change is presenting their Zulu language class to families at Banneker. Odado is an upbeat class that uses call and response, song, art, and movement to introduce young children to the language and culture of South Africa. Participation is free but registration is required. Registration is ongoing. Presented by Bloomington Parks and Recreation and the IU Center for the Study of Global Change “Bridges: Children, Language, World” program. For more information, visit indiana.edu/~global/bridges. Instructor: Sarah Neterer

M 1/27-4/21 • 1-1:30 p.m. (Code 77507-A)

FREE • For ages 3-5 yrs. w/parent.

Banneker Community Center, 930 W. Seventh St.

Class does not meet 3/17.

Turf Time for Toddlers

The indoor turf field at the Twin Lakes Recreation Center provides you and your young child with ample space to run, play, and practice ball throwing and kicking skills. This free-time play is parent supervised while the TLRC provides all the equipment for an hour of healthy physical play. ***This is a parent/guardian or caretaker supervised program. TLRC staff does not supervise this area during the program and children cannot be dropped off without a parent/guardian or caretaker.*** For more information, call the TLRC at 349-3720.

M, W • 9:30-10:30 a.m.

\$5, FREE for TLRC members.

For ages 1-6 yrs. w/parent.

Twin Lakes Recreation Center, 1700 W. Bloomfield Rd.

Turf Tigers

Players ages 4-5 yrs. join Coach Chris for a terrific introduction to the world's most popular game! Classes feature age-appropriate activities and small-sided games to promote balance, coordination, creativity and comfort with the ball! Instructor: Chris Doran
Registration is ongoing at bloomingtonsoccer.net.

Winter I: M 1/13-2/17 • 5:15-6 p.m.

Winter I: Th 1/16-2/20 • 5:15-6 p.m.

Winter I: F 1/17-2/21 • 5-5:45 p.m.

Spring I: M 2/24-4/7 • 5:15-6 p.m.

Spring I: Th 2/27-4/10 • 5:15-6 p.m.

Spring I: F 2/28-4/11 • 5-5:45 p.m.

Spring II: M 4/14-5/19 • 5:15-6 p.m.

\$65 • For ages 4-5 yrs.

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TUESDAYS

Why is Sleep So Important for Your Child?

NEW!

Purdue Extension Health and Human Sciences Educator Emily Roth leads an open discussion on the importance of sleep, how much sleep children really need, and other important information that will help you help your child continue to grow and develop in a healthy way. Learn why it is important for children to get enough sleep, and ways to help if sleep presents a problem in your household. Parents are welcome to attend the program with or without their children. The class takes place in the Third Floor Family Resource Center and children are welcome to play with toys and books during the class. Separate childcare is not provided. Participation in this class is free, but registration is required. Instructor: Emily Roth, Health and Human Sciences Educator, Monroe County Purdue Extension.

Tu 2/11 • 10-10:45 a.m. • Register by 2/7 (Code 77510-A)

W 2/19 • 6:30-7:15 p.m. • Register by 2/14 (Code 77510-B)

FREE • For all ages w/parent.

Banneker Community Center,
930 W. Seventh St.

PURDUE
EXTENSION

LOCAL FACES
COUNTLESS CONNECTIONS

Soccer Sport Shorties

The indoor turf at the Twin Lakes Recreation Center is the ideal place for preschool athletes to learn the basic skills of team soccer! Young athletes take part in fun, recreational drills to develop kicking, passing, and ball handling skills in this weekly program. Registration fee includes a T-shirt.

Tu 2/4-3/11 • 10-10:45 a.m.

Register by 1/31 (Code 77503-A)

\$50/in-city, \$55/non-city • For ages 3-5 yrs. w/parent.

Twin Lakes Recreation Center, 1700 W. Bloomfield Rd.



Kindermusik®
Super Sampler

NEW
LOCATION!

Tuesday, January 21 • 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, January 25 • 10:30 a.m.

Allison-Jukebox Community Center,
351 S. Washington St.

FREE • For ages newborn-5 yrs. w/parent.

Try a free sample Kindermusik—Our Time for Toddlers or Music Capers class before the classes officially begin! Instructor Lisa Bruns gives interactive demonstrations of both these musical specialty classes.

WEDNESDAYS

Preschool Garden Club

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard staff visits the Banneker Center every Wednesday in the month April with free garden programming for preschoolers and parents. You and your child can explore Banneker's Green Thumbs Garden and get your hands dirty doing preschool garden projects and arts and crafts while learning about food and gardening from an experienced garden educator. Instructor: Georgia O'Connor

W 3/26-4/30 • 10-11 a.m.

FREE • For ages newborn-5 yrs. w/parent.

Banneker Community Center, 930 W. Seventh St.

THURSDAYS

Kindermusik—Our Time for Toddlers

This class encourages your child to uncover an engaging musical world while building confidence, self-control and communication skills. Toddlers engage in singing, imitating sounds, rhyming, and object identification to foster language skills. Creative movement to various musical “moods” develops a sense of balance, timing, and spatial awareness. Specially designed instruments, exploration, movement and story time encourage emergent literacy and help make this class enjoyable for caregivers and children alike. **Family materials are required, one per family.**

Th 1/30–4/24 • 10:30–11:15 a.m.

Register by 1/28 (Code 77501-A)

\$100/in-city, \$110/non-city

\$60 Family materials (Code 77501-B)

For ages 1–3 yrs. w/parent.

Allison-Jukebox Community Center, 351 S. Washington St.

Class does not meet 3/20 unless a make-up date is necessary due to an earlier weather cancellation.

Kindermusik®

NEW LOCATION!

Music Capers for Preschoolers

Research supports that music helps prepare the mind for specific disciplines of learning, including math, science, and language. Music Capers combines early childhood educational philosophies with fundamentals of music education and preschool concepts. Using the power of music, tap into your preschooler’s creative spirit and boundless energy. Focus on developing self-confidence so your preschooler will be ready for school and prepared for future music lessons. Instructor: Lisa Bruns

Th 1/30–4/24 • 11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Register by 1/28 (Code 77502-A)

\$90/in-city, \$100/non-city • For ages 3–5 yrs. w/parent.

Allison-Jukebox Community Center, 351 S. Washington St.

Class does not meet 3/20.

Spanish Story and Play Time

Whether you and your child are fluent, proficient, or interested in learning Spanish, this program is for you. Immerse yourselves in Spanish language stories, songs, and activities, as well as in free play and Spanish conversation in a relaxed environment. Participation is free, but registration is required; the program is ongoing so registration is always open.

Th 2/6–4/24 • 10:30–11:30 a.m. (Code 77509-A)

FREE • For ages newborn–5 yrs. w/parent.

Banneker Community Center, 930 W. Seventh St.

FRIDAYS

Mean Machines

Banneker’s Preschool Science Club explores some of the world’s meanest machines through experiments, play and design. Children and parents will build their own jets, submarines, hovercrafts, and other awesome vehicles while exploring basic science concepts. Instructor: Wil Stahly

F 2/28–4/11 • 10–11 a.m. • Register by 2/26 (Code 77508-A)

\$30/in-city, \$35/non-city • For ages 3–5 yrs. w/parent.

Banneker Community Center, 930 W. Seventh St.

Class does not meet 3/21.

NEW!

Physical Fridays

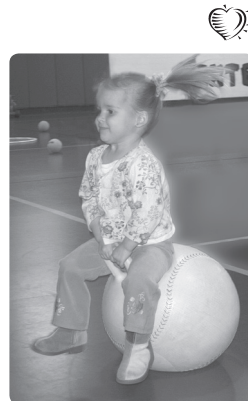
Each Friday the gym at the Banneker Center buzzes with preschool play. Your energetic child will love all the active, free-play options: mini basketball, hula hoop, riding toy cars, jumping, and running!

F 1/10–5/2 • 10 a.m.–noon

FREE • For ages 1–5 yrs. w/parent.

Banneker Community Center,

930 W. Seventh St.



SATURDAYS

Basketball Future Stars

Give your preschooler a chance to explore the game of basketball! Young players get a foundation in basketball skills with age-appropriate drills that teach the basics of dribbling, shooting, and passing. Instructors: Twin Lakes Recreation Center basketball staff

Banneker Community Center, 930 W. Seventh St.

Sa 2/8–3/8 • 10–10:45 a.m.

Register by 2/5 (Code 75001-A)

Twin Lakes Recreation Center, 1700 W. Bloomfield Rd.

W 2/12–3/12 • 4:45–5:30 p.m.

Register by 2/7 (Code 75001-B)

\$50/in-city, \$55/non-city • For ages 3–5 yrs.

Tee Ball Sport Shorties

Sport Shortie participants learn the basic skills of baseball in a fun and safe atmosphere. Parent participation is welcome and encouraged. Price includes a T-shirt and medal. There is one built-in rain date on June 14. If more than one weekend is rained out it will not be made up. Teams are determined after the registration deadline. Parents are notified of team placement by phone prior to season. Games and practices take place between 9 a.m.–1 p.m. For more information about Sport Shorties Tee Ball, contact Leslie Brinson at 349-3735. **In case of inclement weather, call the Outdoor Sports Hotline at 349-3610.**

Sa 4/26–6/7 • Times TBD • Register by 4/17

For ages 3–4 yrs. w/parent (Code 77506-A)

For ages 5–6 yrs. w/parent (Code 77506-B)

\$50/in-city, \$55/non-city

Lower Cascades Park, 2851 N. Old State Rd. 37, ballfields

No games on May 24.

Volunteer coaches needed! If interested in coaching, contact Kim Ecenbarger at 349-3739 or ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov.

Coaches orientation: Thursday, 4/24, 6–7 p.m. at the Banneker Community Center, 930 W. Seventh St.

OTHER SPORTS

FRANK SOUTHERN ICE ARENA
2100 S. Henderson St.
ICE INFORMATION HOTLINE: 349-3741

Public Skating

Public Skating: October 12 through February 28

Monday through Thursday: Noon–2:30 p.m.

Friday: 7–9 p.m.

Saturday: 12:30–2 p.m.

7–9 p.m. (Lunar Skating)

9:15–11 p.m. (Night Owl)

Sunday: 3–5 p.m.

General Admission: \$6

Skate Rental: \$3

Skate Sharpening: \$5 and \$6 (immediate service)

Economy Pass: \$54 (10 sessions, excludes skate rental)



Holiday Public Skating

December 21: 2–7 p.m.

December 22–23: 1–7 p.m.

December 24–25: Closed

December 26–30: 1–7 p.m.

December 31: Closed

January 1: noon–4 p.m.

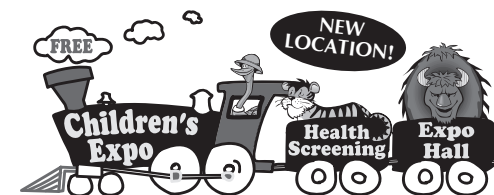
January 2–5: 1–7 p.m.



Bloomington Girls Softball

Intro League play involves the use of a cloth-filled leather ball, tees, and coach pitch. *A great first-time sports experience for youth ages 4–6 yrs.* **For more information contact Jeigh Hockersmith at 349-3774 or visit our Web site.**

SPECIAL EVENTS



Children's Expo
CALL OF THE WILD
Saturday, February 8
10 a.m.–1 p.m. • FREE
Batchelor Middle School,
900 W. Gordon Pk.

The Children's Expo features free health screenings for children ages 10 years and younger. Health screenings ensure that preschool children begin school with no barriers to learning, and that children already in school have the best chance to be successful students. Screenings are offered by qualified professionals in several different health-related areas. Explore the expo hall with its interactive booths, live entertainment, and exhibitors with products and services just for children and families.

Children's Expo
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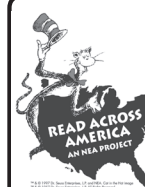


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Saturday, March 1 • 1–4 p.m.

For all ages. • FREE

Monroe County Public Library,

303 E. Kirkwood Ave.

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